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Police run blitz on drink-drivers

Altona police are carrying out a blitz against drinking drivers.

A police spokesman said yesterday six drivers had been booked in Altona, on charges of driving with a blood-alcohol content over .05 per cent., in the past week.

And the blitz would continue, the spokesman warned. If people continued to drink and drive they must be prepared to take the risk of prosecution.

The drivers booked in the past week had an average blood-alcohol reading of about .150 per cent.

The highest was a man who recorded a Breathalyzer reading of .310 per cent.

PRESSURE

Several of those booked in recent weeks were older, hard-core drinkers who had been in the habit of going to hotels on Fridays and Saturdays for years.

They would have to learn to change their habits or leave their cars home, the spokesman said.

"We'll be keeping the pressure up and trying to keep the road toll down."

He said the crack-down was entirely independent of a series of blitzes in the western suburbs, organised by the Mobile Traffic Squad, at Brunswick.

In these, special squads of police using a mobile police station, equipped with a Breathalyzer and other facilities to test drinking drivers, had operated without warning throughout the western suburbs.

As many as 20 people have been booked in a night, in an area from Maidstone to Altona.

The Altona police spokesman said concentration was not only on weekends. Attention would be given to places where liquor was served seven nights a week and during the day.

Gellibrand trophies

Gellibrand Cricket Club's presentation night, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Friday, July 2.

Tickets are available from Mr. T. Gleeson.

Progressive Altona

This issue of the Star carries a 16-page feature crammed with interesting stories and pictures tracing the rapid growth pattern of Altona's industries and institutions. Progressive Altona starts on page 7.

Car-theft charges

Detectives from Laverton CIB have arrested a man believed to have been responsible for a rash of thefts from parked cars in Altona North earlier this year.

The man, aged 19 and unemployed, lives in Altona. He has been committed for trial in the County Court on charges of larceny from cars and burglary.

A CIB spokesman warned, however, that isolated cases of thefts from parked cars were still being reported.

People should make sure their cars were properly locked, both in their yards and on the street, he said.

If valuables had to be left in cars they should be kept out of sight, preferably in a locked boot.

Such items as cameras and cassette players left on display provided a temptation and often led to a car window being broken, in addition to the loss of the goods.

Glove boxes should be left empty and open, so potential thieves could see they did not contain valuables. This often saved damage to cars also, the spokesman added.



Good weather, food for their holiday

Good weather and good food highlighted the week-long holiday of 14 members of the Altona Senior Citizens Club at Lorne.

They stayed at the Chalet, and shared their holiday with members of other senior citizens clubs.

They left on Friday, March 26, and returned to Altona on April 2.

The holiday is an annual event, which is subsidised, and is keenly anticipated by those who go on the trips.

The ages of the holiday makers ranged from 62 to 93, with only four of them under 80.

The Altona contingent is pictured waiting to get on the bus outside the club. They are, from left to right, back row: Mrs. Starr, 82, W. Hansen, 70, H. Small, 80, E. Snowling, 62, Mrs. Duncan, 81, Mrs. Reid, 78, Mr. W. Dickinson 89. Front row: Mrs. Milner, 82, Mrs. H. Woodyard, 92, Mrs. D. Smith, 90, Mrs. E. Edwards, 88, Mrs. Stratton, 70, Mr. T. Marshall, 81, Mrs. Moss, 82.

PHONE BOX DELAY LED TO ASSAULT

A man waiting to use a public telephone became angry at the delay and assaulted the man using it after he finished, police have been told.

The incident was at a telephone box in Gordon Street, Footscray. A Williamstown man received head injuries as a result.

Mr. Lino Tonundui, of Cox Gardens, Williamstown, told police he made a call from the phone about 5.30 p.m. last Friday.

While he was making the call, a man banged on the wall of the booth and complained about the delay.

He finished the call and the man opened the door and began punching him, Mr. Tonundui told police.

He then grabbed the telephone receiver and bashed him with it, smashing it in two.

The man began swear-

ing and was remonstrated, because a woman was present and this led to further bashing.

Mr. Tonundui was taken to Western General Hospital where he received 13 stitches in a head injury and was treated also for a broken nose and a black eye.

He told police he had never seen the man until he began banging the wall of the telephone box.

Tech. plans

Massive redevelopment is planned for the Footscray Technical College.

The member for Footscray, Robert Fordham, said specifications for the redevelopment were almost complete.

These would determine the size of the college and the range of subjects that would be taught.

It is believed the college will become even larger than the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.



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West's baptists review role in community

Attendances at Baptist churches throughout the West are declining while the church is improving its following throughout Victoria.

The fall of about 10 per cent. in attendances in recent years has sparked a reaction within the west's 14 Baptist churches.

A conference of all Baptist churches in the west last week decided to review the church's role in the community. The secretary of the Baptist Union of Victoria, Mr. Trevor Farnilo, told the Star all the churches in the west were involved. "We plan to look at our role in the community more realistically," he said. "We think there is a tremendous job to be done."

"We're trying to come to terms with the contemporary church in a contemporary society. People's needs and circumstances are vastly different now from what they were."

Mr. Farnilo said the conference had opened up many issues.

"The church has declined and we're looking at the reasons, and prospects for the future," he said.

"In other areas we've seen the amalgamation of some churches. This is possible in the west, but it must come from a grass-roots level."

"We want people to talk about it and eventually come to a consensus of opinion. Any changes have to come about because that is the desire of the congregation," Mr. Farnilo said.

He said more conferences would be held at which new policies for the west would be prepared.

West will get arts council

The west is to get its own council for the arts.

The council will mean the west will be able to attract top live productions.

The council will be set up at a meeting to be attended by representatives of the Victorian Arts Council and the Australia Council.

The western-region council will be a branch of the Arts Council of Australia (Victorian division).

The Arts Council is dedicated to improving the availability and appreciation of the arts throughout the community.

Schools in particular will benefit from the western-region council.

The Western Region Education Centre could be used as a base for co-ordinating activities within the schools.

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Didn't yield -- \$50 fine

Not giving way to other traffic while turning cost an Altona man a \$50 fine and \$15.60 costs at Sunshine Court last week.

The turn resulted in a collision at the intersection of Geelong Road and McDonald Road, Brooklyn on the night of November 11.

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Altona lieutenant on job



The armed services certainly keep people on the move. The army officer on the left in this picture is Lieut. Bruce Grant, of Altona. He was working with Lieut. Jack Noye, of Goondiwindi (Queensland), in the early-morning bustle on the wharves at Pyrmont, in Darling Harbour, Sydney. Both belong to the Royal Australian Corps of Transport and were studying facilities as part of a course in transport methods.

Days of costly 'grand tours' over-Purcell

The Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, is ending the days of grand world tours at the taxpayers' expense, the Liberal spokesman for Loral, Mr. Frank Purcell, said yesterday.

Mr. Purcell said: "Mr. Fraser's decision to cut the cost of these overseas trips has already resulted in the decision to use normal commercial aircraft on scheduled flights where possible."

"Where it was not possible to travel on scheduled flights every effort would be made to ensure that Qantas aircraft were out of scheduled service for a minimum time."

"Qantas in future will not be put to the expense of partially repainting aircraft carrying the PM."

"This procedure was adopted by the former Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, on his grand tours of the ruins of the world."

"Mr. Fraser has also decided that the number of officials travelling with him on future overseas trips must be cut to a minimum," Mr. Purcell said.

He went on to say that in Parliament last week, Mr. Fraser revealed for the first time that the cost to the taxpayer of the 14 overseas trips Mr. Whitlam and his entourage managed while in Government was \$1,520,000.

"This included the now-famous 35-day, 13-country European tour from December, 1975, to January, 1976, interrupted by a three-day return to Australia because a cyclone had devastated Darwin."

"This trip alone, by a chartered Qantas 707, cost the Australian taxpayer \$495,000. This was for Mr. Whitlam and his personal staff, and did not include accommodation of other officials."

"The record showed that Mr. Whitlam, during his short period as Prime Minister of Australia, had been overseas for a total of 159 days, during a period in which Parlia-

ment had sat for 212 days.

"This meant that Mr. Whitlam spent three-quarters of a day out of Australia for every day he spent in Parliament."

"Mr. Fraser made the point that for the \$1.5 million of taxpayers' money Mr. Whitlam had spent on overseas trips he could have bought another Blue Poles, or placed a deposit on the \$4 million Greek sculpture his Government was negotiating to buy."

Mr. Purcell said it appeared that Mr. Whitlam had noted this advice, as he had once again taken art into his shadow portfolio.

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Ambulance station ready soon



● This is the new ambulance station for the Altona area in Blackshaws Road, near Millers Road. The Hospitals and Charities Commission says it will be finished soon, and is seeking staff to man it. Training will start next month.

Just what IS the EPA?

TO THE EDITOR
SIR, — Much and all as it pains me to say, not only does Altona stink, but so does the EPA. . . . As a private citizen who has tried to elicit information from that august body concerning the precise nature of the pollution in Kororoit Creek, and failed, I cannot see the justification in keeping it going.

Is its only purpose the publication of "daily" air - pollution readings and the like, and is that

what I and others pay taxes for?

Or has it other purposes and aims? If it has, perhaps it could spend a little of the money to publish the facts which we are surely entitled to, rather than paying anonymous scientists to run around with little bottles and whatever else it is they do.

No-one appears to want to divulge that "classified" information either.

Just who or what is the EPA — it it to stay a gutless and powerless advisory board, or will it get some muscle such as legislative support from the State Government to prosecute the corporate bodies whose fault pollution is?

Surely things can't get any worse — or can they?

"Concerned Resident", Altona.

Your rates at work

Altona's city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, has reported the following works have been carried out in the city over the past two weeks:

Cherry Lake: Foundations for a bridge to carry foot traffic across the eastern end of the pond were completed. Placing of beams is in progress.

The placing of rocks around the perimeter of the pond and the islands was completed.

Construction of the rock feature where water from the bore will enter the pond is in progress. Considerable numbers of water birds have recently returned to the lake, probably after breeding elsewhere.

Cresser Reserve: Construction of kerb and channelling around the proposed parking area near the boat launching ramp was completed.

Drainage works associated with the parking area are in progress.

Granitic sand was spread and levelled preparatory to the sealing of the parking area. Improvements to the foreshore at southern end of reserve were continued.

Apex Park: Extension of the water service at the

eastern end of Apex Park was undertaken. Installation of a dual electric barbecue at Apex Park is nearing completion.

Grant Reserve: Painting of the timber post and rail fence around the old oval on Grant Reserve was completed.

Top-dressing of reserves: Top-dressing of playing areas was undertaken at Bond, Ford and Rush reserves.

Resurfacing of pavements: Patching of road pavements in preparation for resurfacing work was continued.

Altona West Primary School: The installation of water mains to serve the playing area at the school is nearing completion.

Proposed Easement Drain: at rear of properties fronting Blackshaws Road and Lawrence Court: Council resolution is that a drain be constructed in the easement at the rear of properties 411, 413, 415, 417, 419 and 421 Blackshaws Road.

It is recommended that an amended resolution be approved incorporating 409 Blackshaws Road.

Commission rent rise slammed

Mr. C. T. Edmunds, MLA for Ascot Vale, said last week that Housing Commission rent increases for "granny" flats were not acceptable.

He said that people living on fixed incomes would have to lower their standard of living to keep up with their rent.

Mr. Edmunds said that the commission told him it had incurred a substantial loss in rental operations in the past and because of large increases in maintenance and construction costs rents had to be raised.

The commission's rents are based on an average rental scheme with all tenants who occupy equivalent bedroom accommodation being charged similar rents.

According to Mr. Edmunds, the rent now being charged for the "granny flats" is the same as that charged for other units built for elderly people.

Mr. Edmunds said that he would be raising the matter in the next session of Parliament.

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No witness, so case dismissed

The failure of a civilian witness to answer a police summons to give evidence played a big part in two traffic charges being dismissed at Footscray Court last Thursday.

Alan Lewis Summerglan, of Hayden Street, Laverton, was charged with not giving his name and address to the owner of property damaged in an accident and not keeping clear of traffic in front of his vehicle.

He pleaded not guilty. When police began giving evidence of an interview with the driver of a car in a collision with one driven by Summerglan, the latter's counsel objected.

Mr. W. Guy, SM, upheld a submission this would be hearsay evidence. Sergeant Kevin Lecky, prosecuting, said the other driver had been summoned as a witness but had failed to appear.

Police who interviewed Summerglan after the accident said it happened about 6.45 pm last October 13 when Summerglan turned from Ballarat Road, Footscray, into Geelong Road.

He said he had asked the other driver to give his name and address, but he said he was running late. He said he had been willing to give his name and address.

Mr. Guy ruled there was insufficient evidence for a conviction to be recorded.

Val's Column

Was it only last week that I had quite a line-up of perfumes that I passed on?

How many more interesting fragrances can be invented? Yes, I have several more to tell you of. These are quite new, just arrived this past week, in fact.

One has been invented by a young fashion designer Stephen Burrows, the perfume's named — Stephen B.

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I see we now have stocked up with Polaroid films in twin packs for Colour 88 — buying this way you save \$1.99. The black & white twin pack 87 saves \$1.31.

The children may have a View Master stereo viewer and have grown tired of the pictures. We keep quite a variety of stereo picture stories — I notice Walt Disney, Star Trek, Kung Fu and Gulliver's Travels, to name a few.

For movie camera fans, if you have been wishing for an improvement in your films, read on. Ektachrome 160 by Kodak is the faster movie film, as you know, intended primarily for making movies under low-light conditions indoors or out.

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Warship will be home soon

The Castlemaine, one of the World War II ships to come out of Williamstown dockyards, will return home within the next few weeks.

The corvette, which was launched by Dame Pattie Menzies in 1941, will become a maritime museum run by the Maritime Trust.

The Castlemaine will berth at Gem Pier after all preliminary preparation work has been carried out. The pier has been fenced to prevent vandals damaging the ship, dredged

to give the ship manoeuvrability, is at present being done.

Mr. Peter Williams, a founder of the Maritime Trust, told the Star-Advertiser the ship is "one of the last famous Australian corvettes."

She was laid down in 1941 and commissioned in 1942.

She was in action around New Guinea and Timor, and escorted convoys from Darwin to Timor, the trail known as "bomb alley".

The Castlemaine was also used for mine-sweeping and survey work, supply and troop carrying, surviving numerous Japanese attacks.

The famous wartime photographer, Damien Parer, was one of the Castlemaine's most distinguished passengers.

She was also used to help clear the channel into Hongkong harbor after the Japanese left the area.

Twenty years ago the corvette was taken to HMAS Cerberus and served as a training ship for engineering officers.

In 1973 she was presented to the Maritime Trust, and restoration began the following year.

A collection of changing naval and general shipping exhibits will be displayed on board, but Mr. Williams is not yet certain of the ship's arrival date.

The historical exhibition will be concerned with shipping in and around Melbourne since the first days of the colony.

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My City

• Laurie Slee...
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Gem Pier is the best-known pier in Williamstown.

For the past three years church people from our city have gathered at Gem Pier to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at sunrise on Easter Day.

Get the picture — a chilly April Sunday morning before sunrise; a few fishermen just coming in or just getting ready to go out; a steady stream of well-rugged citizens walk across Centenary Park and gather in groups at the landward end of Gem Pier.

One, maybe he's a minister but one can't tell from his clothes, calls the groups to become one group.

A trumpet signals the tune, and the citizens begin to sing a hymn of praise to God the giver of that Easter morn.

A strong-voiced reader reminds all who can hear what the Bible says about that first Easter period. Prayers of love are prayed.

As a brief sermon is being preached the sun begins to rise above the Dandenongs, the Melbourne skyline, the bank of clouds.

The preacher interrupts his sermon with the cry "Christ is Risen" and citizens reply "He is risen indeed." The trumpeter picks up the melody of "Christ the Lord is Risen today — Hallelujah" and the people sing triumphantly.

Fishermen have shown admirable quiet and reverence, or if bantering, it has been gentle good fun.

• Vera Wells...
ALTONA

On Australia Day (our old ANA day) this year, I drove along the beach-front and once again, in memory, I saw the scene as it was in the past. So different from the one now.

Gone were the crowds of people who would flock to our beach by the train from all the nearby suburbs.

Gone was the happy, carnival atmosphere that was created by the lifesaving clubs with their beach displays and competitions.

Gone was the old band rondalla where our local band once gave concerts.

Gone were the old horse-drawn furniture vans and their large picnic groups.

The pier was nearly empty but it used to be like Bourke Street with the people walking along to watch the high-diving displays from the tower at the end of the pier.

What happy days. Some picnic groups would have sing-songs accompanied by an old accordeon. Yes, I loved those days on our beach.

I'm afraid these days with cars parked along the beachfront hiding the sea from view, the blaring of the transistors as you move along, shutting out the relaxing wash of the waves on the seashore, we have been robbed of the real pleasure of going to the beach.

The pleasure of getting away from it all and finding an inner happiness that is peace.

Council rejects church walkway

The Greek Orthodox Church Committee — in Mills Street, Altona North, has been refused permission to build a covered walkway only 11 ft. from the front of the property.

Mr. George Gkrodis, president of the committee, wants the walkway to lead to the main entrance doors of the building.

The plans rejected by the Altona Council showed brick piers with superimposed semi-circular arches extending 9 ft. 6 ins. (2.9 metres) above the landing.

A pitched roof would extend from the brick facade of the walkway to the main front wall of the existing church.

The extension would encroach into the minimum 20 ft. (6.15 metres) setback distance specified under council by-laws.

560 paintings in art show at town hall

About 560 paintings, ranging from the traditional to the contemporary, will be on display in the Williamstown Town Hall, during the city's 12th annual art show.

The show will be open on Sunday (April 11) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 to 8.30.

The organisers are XI Epsilon, Beta Sigma Phi and the Williamstown Council.

Proceeds of the show will go to the Hazeldean Home for the Frail Aged.

It includes two pieces by the centenary sculptor, Ethel Barnes.

Works from private collections and daily demonstrations of china painting should be of interest to visitors.



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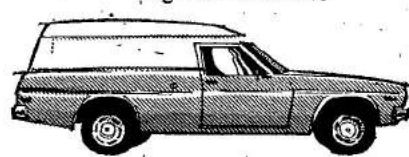
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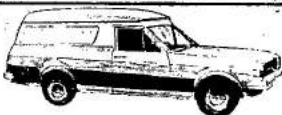


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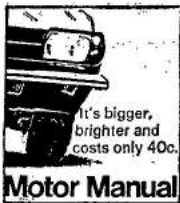
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Motor Manual

Parking ticket follow-up

Breaching Sunshine Council's parking regulations led to a Brooklyn man being fined \$60 for driving an unregistered vehicle.

Pino Romoso, of Corigan Avenue, Brooklyn, did not appear at Sunshine Court to answer a charge of driving an unlicensed vehicle.

Constable A. Lock, of Sunshine police, gave evidence he interviewed Romoso at his house on December 9 last year.

He said he had been told his car had been booked on a parking infringement last July 21, in Sunshine, and asked if he had been driving the vehicle that day.

Romoso admitted he had and that the vehicle was unregistered. He said he had not registered it because he intended selling it.

THE century of the present Methodist Church in Electra Street, Williamstown, has far greater significance than just a beautiful building being 100 years old. It marks at least 136 years of Methodism in Williamstown.

The church's present circuit minister, the Rev. Laurie Slee, has begun compiling a history of Methodism in Williamstown and has made this available to John Dixon, who in this issue writes the first of a series of articles as extracted from the history.

While 136 years of Methodism in Williamstown will be celebrated officially on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, it appears the celebrations could actually mark 138 years since the first Methodist-type services were held.

'Ardent youth'

The Rev. Laurie Slee's history of Methodism has so far reached 1902, and officially starting in 1840. But it has reference to divine service being held before this.

But to start where we should, Mr. Slee points out the history of the church in Williamstown cannot be clearly understood without a glance at what happened in England before the first Methodists arrived in England.

After the death in 1791 of the founder of the Methodist Church, the Rev. John Wesley, Methodism split into many parts, Mr. Slee records.

Some of these later reunited and three of these divisions were brought to Williamstown by sea captains, soldiers, port pilots, farmers, storekeepers, government officials and women.

These were the Wesleyans in about 1840; the United Methodist Free Churches about 1867; and the Primitive Methodist Church in about 1874.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church appears to be the best documented and is certainly the earliest, so the celebrations next month actually mark its establishment in Williamstown.

Mr. Slee records that organisationally the three branches of the church were similar.

In 1840, at the first circuit quarterly meeting held in Melbourne, Williamstown appears as an already-established cause within the Methodist circuit.

Dance night popular

The Western 20s' Club held a dance at St. Albans on Sunday, March 28. About 120 people attended.

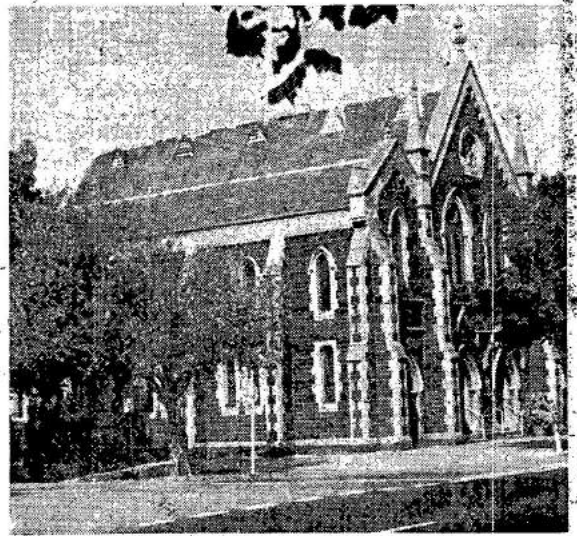
The group will hold a fancy-dress party at the club rooms, Birmingham Street, Yarraville, Saturday, April 10, from 7.30.

Admittance for non-members is \$2 and for those not in fancy dress \$2.50. Girls are to bring a plate and boys a bottle of liquid refreshment.

Further information from Philip Nolan (393 3745) or David or Yvonne Hill (317 7468).

St. John's

A new name for a new century of Methodism



Williamstown's Methodist Church.

May celebrations

In 1838, "Mr. Charles Stone, an ardent and enterprising youth, arrived from Hobart town bearing letters of commendation and a general commission" from the Rev. Joseph Orton.

Stone settled as a schoolmaster at Williamstown and lived in a lean-to room attached to the schoolhouse, in which divine service was held.

A blue flag bearing the word 'Bethel'—meaning 'House of God'—flew over the school buildings when services were being held.

This, records Mr. Slee,

had a special significance for sailors.

The liturgy of the Church of England was used at these services.

Williamstown first appeared on the preaching plan in 1840—a plan that began in July that year.

The clergy of those days were Joseph Orton, Benjamin Hurst and Francis Tuckfield.

But Williamstown, like the other smaller churches, did not see much of the clergy at their weekly worship.

"It was the pioneering lay leaders of Methodism

who came down to preach God's love until the resident ministers of the 1850s," writes Mr. Slee.

William Witton, Victoria's first class leader and James Dredge, a Government Aboriginal protector, wrote a joint letter to Joseph Orton, in Hobart town, asked him to come and minister to Melbourne.

"This letter had much to do with the ultimate consolidation of the founding of Williamstown Methodism," Mr. Slee records.

• NEXT WEEK: THE FIRST CHURCH

NOT DANGEROUS DRIVING: BOND

A charge of dangerous driving in Footscray Court last Thursday was reduced to careless driving and the driver was given a good behavior bond.

Granting the bond, Mr. W. Guy, SM, suggested that the driver, an Altona North man, pay \$50 to the court poor box.

Evidence was given that the man made a U-turn at the southern end of the Nicholson Street Mall, in Footscray, losing traction of the back wheels of the car.

He then drove down Irving Street, into a car park, and drove in circles in the car park. Sergeant Kevin Icely told the court.

When he was stopped he told police he was "just having a bit of fun", Sgt. Icely said.

Charged was Raymond Madigan, of Chambers Road, Altona North.

The incident took place about 9.50 p.m. last December 1, the court was told.

To Mr. J. Casey, for Madigan, Sgt. Icely said the only other traffic in the area at the time was a car following Madigan's and the police divisional van.

There was no inter-

ference with or danger to other traffic and Madigan had not exceeded the speed limit, he agreed.

Madigan gave evidence that he made the U-turn but denied the back wheels lost traction.

He knew the driver of the car following him and they drove into the car park to have a talk rather than stop on the side of the road.

He agreed with Sgt. Icely, prosecuting, that the cars did not stop in the car park and no conversation took place between the two drivers.

But in reply to a suggestion by Sgt. Icely they had been "mucking about", Madigan said, "I wouldn't call it mucking about."

Mr. Casey submitted there was not even a case to answer on careless driving. There had been no ac-

tual or potential danger to traffic.

The only real complaint was that the wheels of Madigan's car skidded when he made the U-turn.

Mr. Guy said he agreed with the submission about dangerous driving but found a case of careless driving proved.

Mr. Casey asked Mr. Guy not to cancel Madigan's probationary licence. He said Madigan drove socially and to help his mother with her shopping.

He worked with his father for the Board of Works at Brooklyn.

His driving on this occasion had been out of the ordinary.

Mr. Guy said the type of driving was not that of a careful person, especially a probationary licence holder.

But he would take into consideration that no interference had been caused to other traffic and grant the bond, thus not interfering with the licence.

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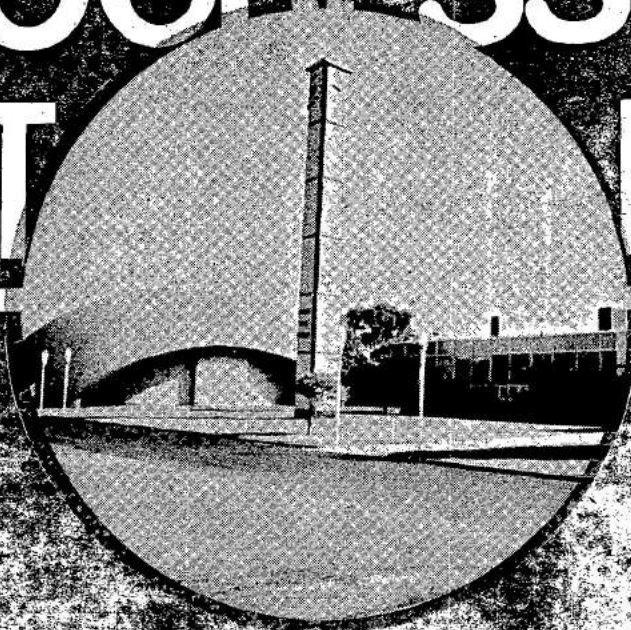
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THE MAYOR SENDS A MESSAGE

By Cr BILL SOMMERS, Mayor of Altona

Altona is on the threshold of rapid development . . . this is the picture conveyed to council by subdivision proposals and the issue of building and town planning permits.

Altona Meadows is currently the scene of development, with the Woodfar-Hanover project underway.

Roads are under construction, and contracts have been let by the developer for the provision of sewerage and water.

The first stages are for 126 home sites to be available by the end of the year, with construction of the first developer-built homes completed also by that date.

The council sees this development as the catalyst for rapid development in the immediate area.

Now the State elections are over, we look to an early announcement from Mr. Hamer of the release of 60 acres of the Truganina buffer zone for home sites.

The future planning for Altona Meadows and Truganina is 15,000 people, to be reached possibly within the next five years.

Steps are being taken to acquire land to enable the ultimate widening of Queen Street to a six-lane roadway, and a building permit has been issued for the erection of commercial premises on land bought by council at the corner of Alma Avenue and Roseberry Street.

Joint planning discussions have begun with Werribee Shire Council to co-ordinate development of the Altona Meadows and Laverton South areas.

Along with increased activity in residential development, commerce and industry have indicated plans which will provide additional employment needed for our expanding population.

To keep pace with demand, the council is currently building, and about to begin the provision of recreation and social welfare facilities estimated to cost \$1½ million.

Forward planning has enabled the council to implement this programme without strain on finances, and projecting ahead to 1980, the debt ser-

one which requires great emphasis on communication, careful planning and evaluation of projects.

If the council is to retain its role in community progress, there must be continuing co-operation and communication at all levels of the community.

For this purpose I congratulate The Star-Advertiser and the many people who have contributed to special edition.

It is you, the people, who make Altona such an excellent place in which to live and work, and any exchange of viewpoints is always welcomed by the councillors and officers of the city.

Cr. Crofts first and next mayor

Cr. W. L. J. "Les" Crofts, Altona longest serving councillor, has no intention of retiring, he told The Star-Advertiser yesterday.

Cr. Crofts was recently feted at the civic offices on completing 10 years' service to Altona.

A photograph and article appearing in a district paper carried the heading "Farewell Les Crofts".

Cr. Crofts says he has been flattered by the number of people calling him in the belief that he was leaving local government and asking him to stay on.

He will be elected Mayor of Altona later this year — his second term in the office. He was the first mayor of Altona, and the last



● Cr. Crofts, in Altona's first Mayoral robes after he was elected first Mayor of the City of Altona.



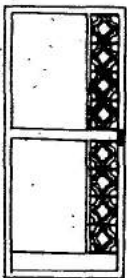
● Residential development at Altona Meadows is set for a boom period. This photograph shows the activity at the Woodfar-Hanover subdivision in Queen Street

Rates due Monday

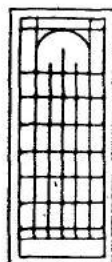
Interest charges on overdue rates in Altona this year have increased to 10 per cent., and the last day for payment at the town hall is Monday, April 12.

Council officers said yesterday April 10 is normally the last day for rate payment, but because the date this year falls at the week-end, the time has been extended to the Monday. Ratepayers can post their rates in the council offices' letter-box in Civic Parade.

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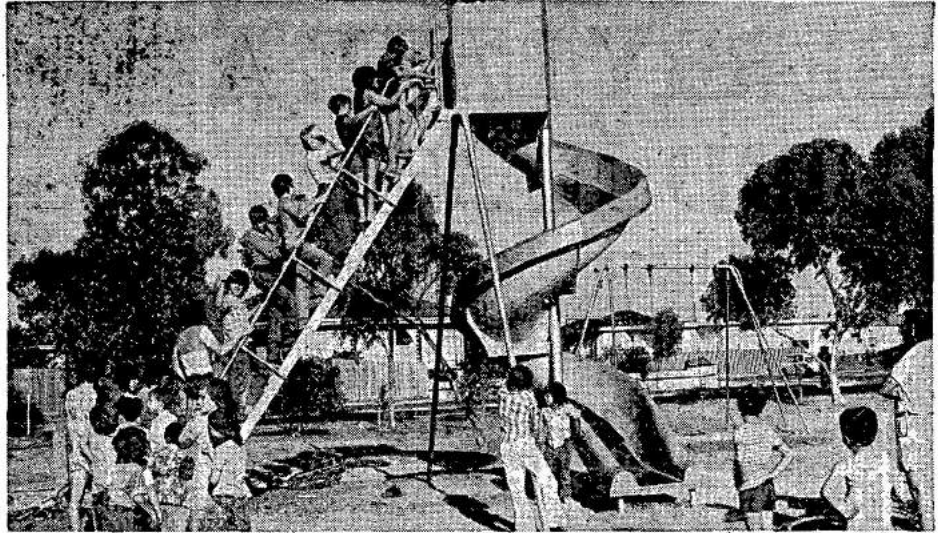
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● One of the most popular spots for the kids of Altona lately has been the A. W. Langshaw Reserve, in Cresser Street. The council's engineering department has just installed a circular slide, and the pupils of neighboring Altona North State School are seen here lining up to try it out.

Books for all

Books in Italian, Greek, Turkish, Maltese, Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian and Slovenian as well as in English are available at Altona's two libraries.

The books have been bought with money provided by the Federal and State Governments and the Altona Council.

The central library, at 123 Queen Street, is open between Monday and Wednesday from midday to 9 p.m., on Thursday between midday and 6 p.m., on Friday from midday to 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Altona East library, at 7 The

Circle, is open on Monday and Tuesday between 3 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., on Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., on Thursday and Friday between 3 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For further information contact the library on 398-2255.

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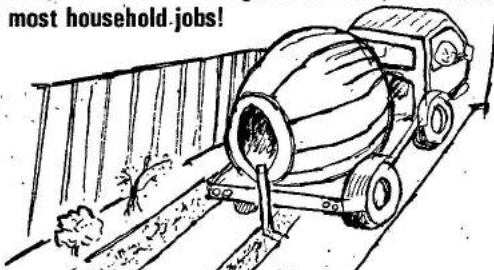
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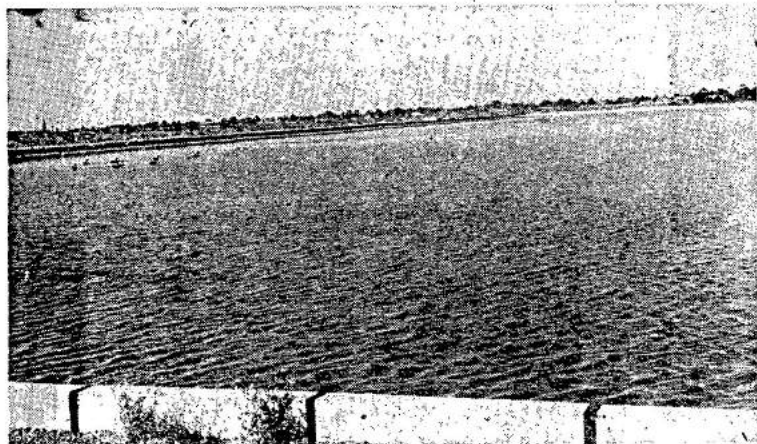
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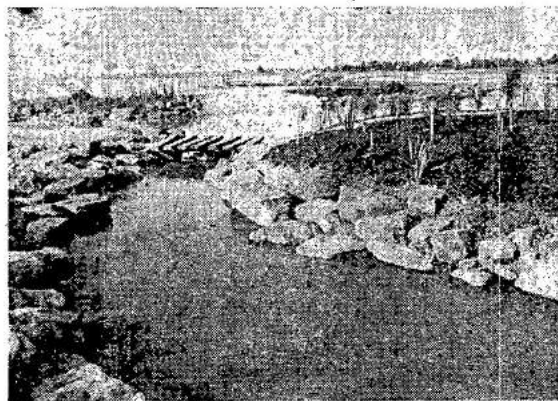
CHERRY LAKE A BIRD HAVEN



● Seagulls, swans, pelicans and dozens of other, more rare species of birds have found Cherry Lake a boon during the summer months. Since the Bird Observers' Club was founded in Altona last year, more than 200 different species have been spotted on the lake.

Cherry Lake, once a swampy area only used by duck-shooters, has become one of Victoria's chief havens for all forms of bird life.

About 250 different species of birds have been counted at the lake and its shoreline over recent months. Altona Council, which has encouraged the public to recognise and take an active interest in this important local asset, was instrumental in forming a branch of the Bird Observers' Club. Cherry Lake is being extensively beautified by the council's engineering department, which is planting lawns, trees and shrubs, and establishing a children's playground. Ratepayers may not realise that council has to pay the Board of Works rental for the rights to beautify the Cherry Lake surrounds.



● Trees, shrubs and lawn have been planted among the artificial ponds on the south side of Cherry Lake over the past weeks. A waterfall has also been built to add to the scenic garden layout.

Popular spot for fishing



Fishing for redfin and English perch around the shores of Cherry Lake has become a popular hobby for many people of all ages since the European carp has mysteriously disappeared.

A survey undertaken by the Fisheries and Wildlife Department in December found that English perch were dominating the carp, and consequently no artificial controls were needed. The carp population was found to be relatively low, and it presented no real economic or biological problem, the department said. Altona Council has been advised that the perch population is well established following liberation of the species in the lake in 1971. The council and the department combined on the project. The department has told councillors it is difficult to say why the perch are apparently, at this stage dominating the carp. "We consider it may be the unusual conditions in the lake make it more favorable for the perch than the carp."

European carp were considered to be a real threat to other fish in the lake when they were discovered in the waters several years ago. The department's netting survey at the end of December took carp weighing up to 25lbs. and measuring 25 inches in length. However, officers found an abundance of perch weighing between a third and a pound.

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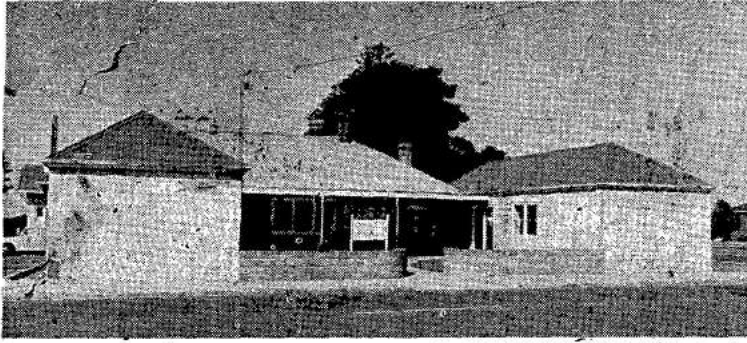
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How Altona got its name



● The Homestead as it is today — it was begun by Altona's first settler, Alfred Langhorne, in 1842, in what is now Queen Street. The building was known as "Altona", in memory of Langhorne's German ancestry. The Homestead today is the headquarters of the Altona Historical Society, and until 1963 it was the district's council chambers.

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First 'boom' in '87

The first development boom in Altona began in 1887, when Mr. A. T. Clark, a Williamstown businessman, bought land for sub-division and formed the Altona and Laverton Freehold and Investment Company.

The company's capital totalled £200,000, and after laying water mains and signing a contract to build a railway to the estate, Clark sold out to a six-man syndicate in 1888 for £180,000.

The group formed the Altona Bay Estate Company with capital of £200,000. The men were: John Blyth, the first commissioner of the Harbor Trust; James Sives Hosie, who made his fortune in The Meat Pie and Hosie's Hotel in Melbourne; David Munro, who built the Altona railway, and some of the bridges still

spanning the Yarra; Henry Alcock, a billiard table maker; Williams Perryman, auctioneer, and Ross MacCartney, a timber merchant.

The syndicate built a railway to Pier Street, a pier 1300 ft. long, and laid out the area from Victoria Street (now Millers Road) to Lily Street (Grieve Parade). Nellie Street (Civic Parade) was the northern boundary.

This area was called Altona, after the Langhorne property, and the Altona township was founded.

Sales of land began on September 8, 1888, with special trains and boats bringing more than 3000 people to the site.

Prices reached £13 a foot, and sales were held through September to November until the land boom collapsed and Altona's development ceased.

All passenger trains were cancelled after August 14, 1890.

In 1917 another attempt was made to develop residential land.

Les Crofts was city's first mayor

In the middle of the last century, the Crown had the area surveyed and Altona, as it is known today, was divided into two parishes — Truganina and Cut Paw Paw.

The area was included in the district which became the Shire of Wyndham in 1863. The name of the shire was changed to Werribee in 1909.

The future Altona was three councillors were own right on February 26, 1957.

Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Cherry and Mr. Grieve. After several unsuccessful attempts, the last in 1952, Altona Riding managed to break free from Werribee, and Altona became a shire in its

The Homestead continued to be used as the shire offices until the new civic centre was opened in Civic Parade in December, 1963.

During the early 1960s, annexations by Werribee and, Williamstown councils reduced Altona's area to 15.52 square miles.

During Altona's 11-year term as a shire, a library, an elderly-citizens' club, a number of infant-welfare centres and kindergartens and a dental service were established.

Cr. Les Crofts, who recently celebrated his 10th year as an Altona councillor, became first mayor when the area was declared a city on December 21, 1968.

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• This area is proposed for an 18-hole public golf course in Altona. It will be one of the district's sporting assets of the future. The land, formerly the Williamstown Racecourse, is situated along the mouth of Kororoit Creek. In the background is the PRA tank farm.

Altona's connection with the storage of explosives goes back to 1884 when the hulk Sydney Griffiths was anchored in Laverton Bay (now Altona Bay).

The hulk was loaded with explosives — the practice of the time was to store explosives in the hulks in the bay and in magazines near Footscray.

Because of the ever-present danger in these storage methods, the Government, in 1891, decided to build an explosives storage area at Skeleton Creek, Laverton.

In 1897 the Victoria Government acquired the reserve of 550 acres and opened it in 1901 with 26 magazines, with a total capacity of 500 tons.

A 2 ft. gauge, horse-drawn tramway from the reserve to Laverton Railway Station for the transportation of explosives was built, and a pier for transport by sea was also provided.

The capacity of the reserve grew to 1000 tons and in special cases 1100 — in 61 magazines.

For many years it was a familiar sight to see explosives ships anchored off Point Cook, while red lighters (barges) plied their way to and from the explosives pier.

The tramline to Laverton station was closed about 1943, although the section inside the reserve was used until the reserve closed and explosives were taken by road truck to and from Deer Park explosives works by a special road.

But because of Altona's increasing population growth after World War

2, the Government closed most of the reserve in 1962, and moved to Point Wilson near Geelong. A small part of the reserve is still used for special explosives testing.

More recently the Altona council has been fighting to persuade the Government to allow the building of a hostel for spastic children on the Apex Reserve, next to the explosive reserve.

The Mines department has vetoed the move, saying that it is too near where explosives are tested occasionally.

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• Work on Altona's heated swimming pool at the P. J. Lynch Reserve, off Mason Street, is well under way, and the council hopes to have it open for next summer.

Progress in planning the pool was delayed last year by government departmental requirements and slow advice about funds.

Cost of the pool and its associated facilities has been estimated at \$580,000, and a Government subsidy of \$250,000 will cover part of it.

9 kinders for the littlies

With the construction of a kindergarten at the rapidly-developing areas of Altona Meadows, the city will have nine centres serving pre-school children.

The Department of Health has allocated \$70,000 towards the building's construction.

The Altona Council has decided that, in conjunction with the Meadows kindergarten, infant-welfare facilities will also be provided.

The proposed site is in Powlett Street, midway between Queen Street and Alma Avenue, and the council has acquired the necessary land.

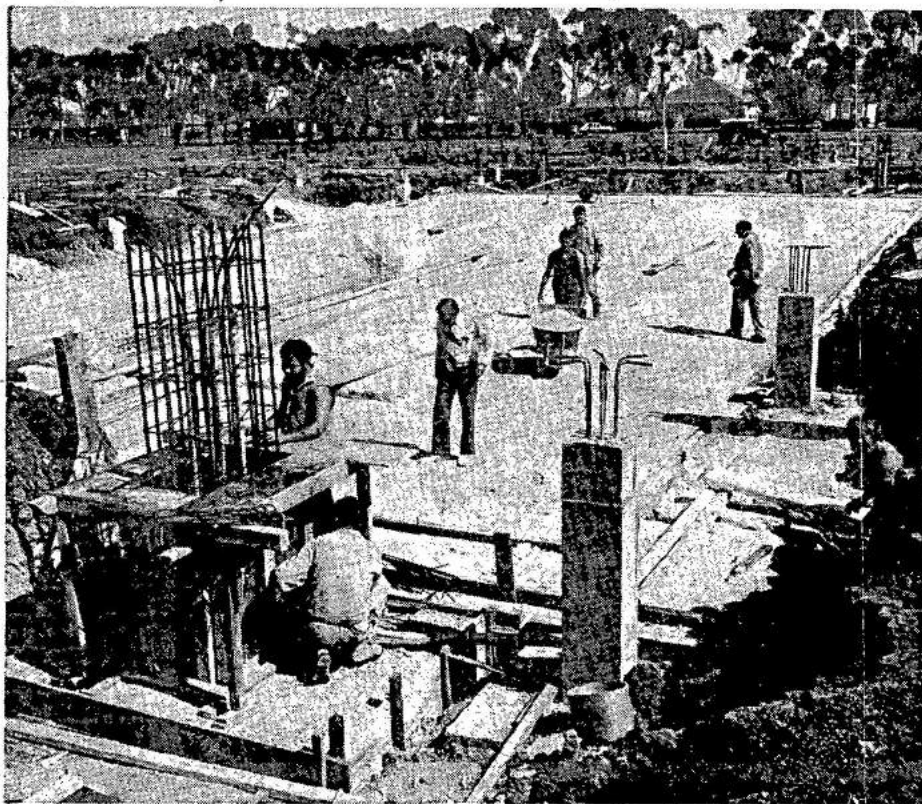
It is hoped the building will be finished by spring this year.

The decision to provide a kindergarten was made after conferring with the Altona Meadows Progress Association.

A frontage of nearly 49 metres will be used for off-street parking and an open play area. A feature of the planning at Altona Meadows included the acquisition of 10 blocks of land for more open space.

The land acquired by the council was from unknown owners who have failed to pay rates.

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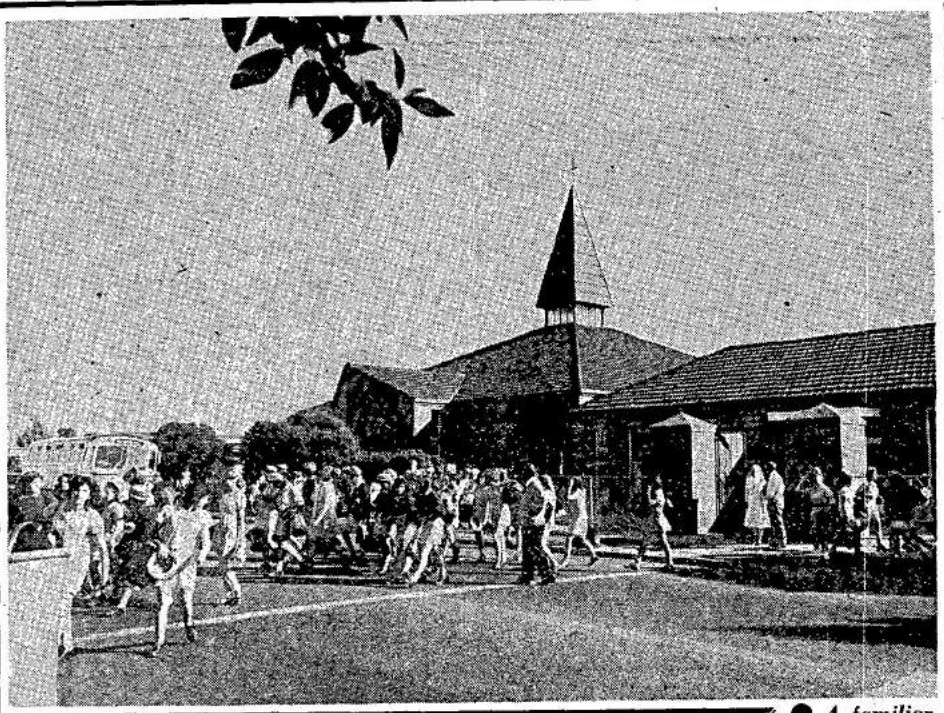
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Gym classes for boys

Boys between the ages of four and eight learn discipline and character building through the Altona Presbyterian Boys' Gymnasium, Mrs. M. Riley said this week.

Mrs. Riley is secretary of the gymnasium committee. In Civic Parade, Altona West, each Monday from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15.

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- The heated indoor swimming pool at Lynch Reserve in

Mason Street, Altona North.

- Development of the Crofts Reserve, off Blackshaws Road, including a Little Athletics Centre pavilion.

- Extension to the football and cricket

pavilion on Grant Reserve, Civic Parade.

- A kindergarten and infant welfare centre at the fast-developing Altona Meadows.

- Extensions to the Senior Citizens' Club in Queen Street.

- The sewerage of council properties.

There works are in addition to extensive improvements at Cherry Lake, Apex Park and the foreshore area with the grants allocated by the former Whitlam Government.

● A familiar scene at Altona's Catholic girls' school — 3 pm at Mount St. Joseph's College when the students set off for home

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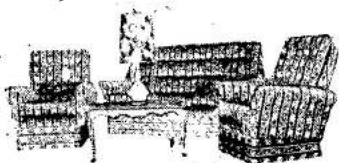
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Altona's two progressive theatre companies — the Altona Drama Group and the Altona City Theatre — have decided to combine to bring nostalgia and a sense of community to the district.

They will jointly produce an old-time music hall entertainment evening at the Altona Civic Centre during July and August.

The evenings will include a three-course meal, audience participation and comedy.

Auditions for the show will be held on Monday and Wednesday, April 12 and 14, at 8 p.m. at The Homestead in Queen Street.

This will be the first joint production by the two groups and director John Pearce is hoping success with the show will make it a regular event.

For more information on the music hall, contact 398 1594.

Altona Drama Group is presenting this week a three-act farce, *Love's A Luxury*, at the Civic Hall.

The show will run tonight (Wednesday), tomorrow and Friday nights at 8 p.m.



Altona Drama Group members at rehearsal of *Love's A Luxury*. From left: Norm Jackson (director), Colleen Bergin, Alan J. Meadows, Alan Meadows and Lyndell Heiner.

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Within only a few years of European occupation, illness like measles and rumps had taken an enormous toll among the natives.

The Altona area was ideal for the Bunuron — game and fish abounded in the swamps and the bay.

John Batman's trade with Melbourne's Aborigines in 1835 resulted in 600,000 acres of land, including all of Altona, being handed over to the white man.

Altona's first European settler was Alfred Langhorne, who is thought to be responsible for the naming of the area.

He began buying land in 1850, and when he died in 1874, he owned about four square miles of the district.

Langhorne began building The Homestead in 1842 on land he was leasing what is now Queen Street.

It is believed that the home was first known as Altona — after the German city. Langhorne's ancestors emigrated from Germany to England during the days of Oliver Cromwell.

Over the years The Homestead was enlarged so that, by the turn of the century, it was its present size.

The building, Altona's oldest, is now the home of the Altona Historical Society.

Other settlers following Langhorne to the district, then known as Laverton, included: William Cherry, who leased land around

the lake that bears his name in 1844. David Ross, who also arrived in about 1844, and in 1850 bought 112 acres near the old briquette depot in Altona North for £1 an acre.

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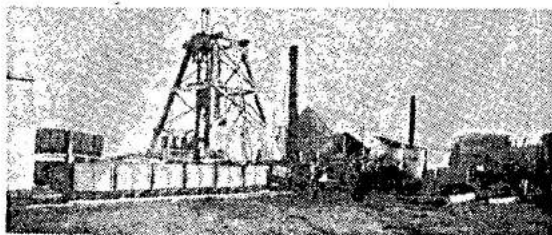
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Coal galore underfoot

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The history of coal-mining in Altona began in the late 1870s, when a German group formed the Williamstown and New-
port Coal Prospecting Company to take out mining options on large areas of Williamstown, Wyndham, Taggart, and West Melbourne.

It sank a bore in 1892, finding four small seams of brown coal, and a shaft was begun near the New-
port freezing works in 1893. In the same year the Ross Freehold Coalmining Company was formed and began a shaft on Ross's property near the former SEC coal depot in Altona North.

After sinking the shaft 23 ft., serious problems with water seepage stopped the work, and the company was wound up in 1895.

Meanwhile, another group of businessmen formed to prospect for coal at Point Gellibrand and in 1892 the

Melbourne's last coal mine (pictured above) was in Altona West at Harrington Square about 1930. Photo, courtesy Mrs. E. Worley.

leased Cherry's Seaford Estate and plans were made to bring iron ore from near Bacchus Marsh to Altona, and to refine the metal using Altona coal. The venture apparently failed.

Early in 1893 the Hosie Syndicate sank another bore, finding brown coal, and under Government supervision another bore was put down at what is now the Koorringal Golf Course.

There they found a bed of brown coal more than 70 ft. thick at a depth of 350 ft.

Late in 1894 Hosie began a shaft near the present Wren Street in Altona West, and struck a 69 ft. thick bed of brown coal 324 ft. below the surface.

He extracted an unrecorded quantity of coal, but when he began to explore deeper, he struck the underlying Port Phillip sub-artesian basin and the workings were flooded. Soon after, Hosie abandoned the mine.

Shaft down

Bores at Newport and in Werribee, Altona and Skeleton Creek were put down by the Mines Department around the turn of the century.

By 1906 the Altona and Morwell Coal Development and Option Company put down a shaft where Harrington Square is today.

After some initial work the company gave the job away in 1908. The shaft was taken over in 1908 by the Melbourne and Altona Colliery, enlarged and at least 31,160 tons of coal was extracted between 1910 and 1919.

However, marketing troubles arose, the SEC decided to develop Morwell instead of Altona, and the mine closed in 1919.

The Altona Council, on behalf of the Altona Historical Society, erected a cairn on the site of the Harrington Square mine shaft.

Still, in 1928, the Altona Beach Estate Company sank a new shaft west of Maidstone Street, Altona West.

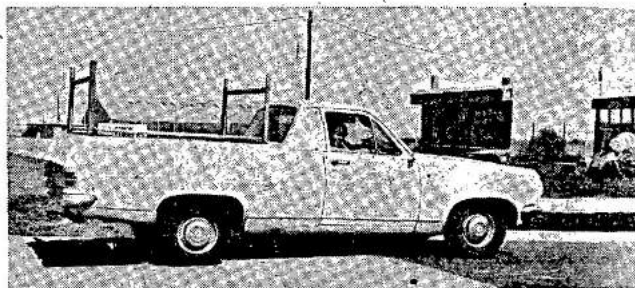
However, after some work the mine closed in 1931 — lack of markets for the coal brought the industry to a standstill.

The ABE mine was the last coal mine still operating in Melbourne in 1930. The brown coal bed underlies most of Altona and reaches a maximum thickness of 140 ft. at the south west corner of the district at Skeleton Creek.

The seam is thought to run north west to Bacchus Marsh and south east to the Latrobe Valley deposits.

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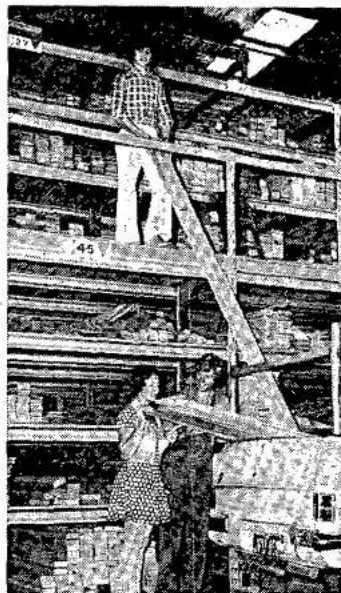
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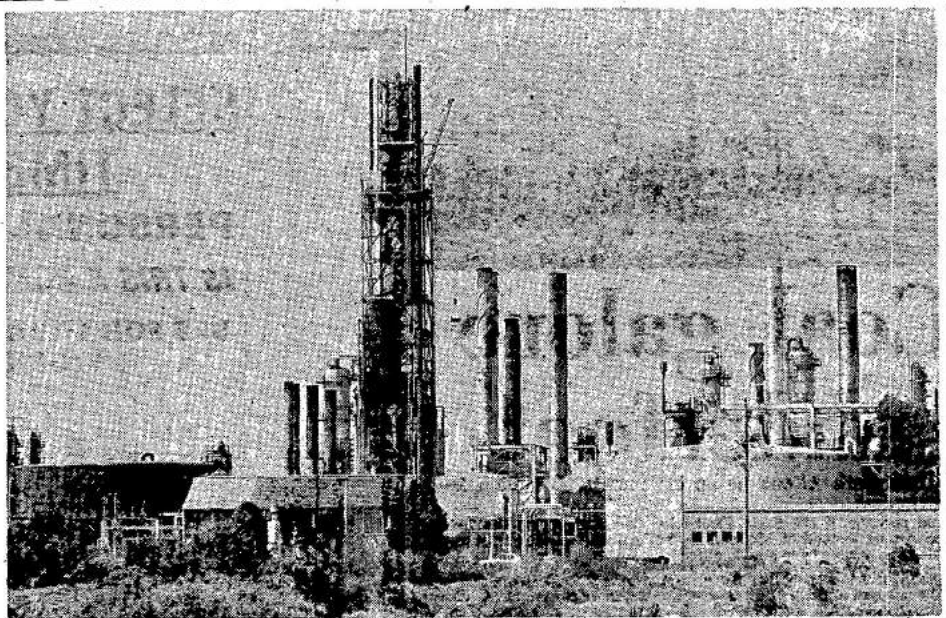
However, none have been in Altona, despite the district's heavy concentration of industry.

Those fined were in the following cities and country towns:

Daylesford, Geelong (3), Rochester, Cohuna, Mildura, Apollo Bay, Maffra, Morwell, Lang Lang, Ballarat (2), Swan Hill (3), Kyabram, Shepparton, Healesville (4), Mordialloc, Northcote, Sunshine, Springvale (6), Port Melbourne, Frankston, Heidelberg, Mel-

ton, Dandenong (2), Eitzroy (2), Ringwood, Melbourne (2), Ferntree Gully (4), Footscray (2), and Preston.

● PICTURE: Despite the heavy concentration of industry in Altona, the Environment Protection Authority has had no cause to prosecute any company over pollution matters. Pictured is the Petroleum Refineries plant, one of the district's biggest industries.



REALISTIC NEW FLATS CODE

Altona's recently introduced flats policy has been hailed as a realistic approach to town planning

throughout the city.

The code has no legal binding — it is

designed to indicate to developers a set of standards acceptable to the council within the limited powers delegated under the metropolitan planning scheme.

Under the code Altona has been divided into three zones. Two-storey development will be restricted to town house type buildings with main living areas at ground floor level.

Upstairs windows should be sited or constructed to prevent overlooking neighboring properties.

The three zones are: No multi-unit development, detached housing only; single storey flat development; and town house and single storey flats.

The council will continue to require multi-unit developers to advertise their intentions to people neighboring the proposed development.

People wanting to object to any flats proposal have 14 days to lodge a written objection to the council.

The maximum intensity of multi-unit development permitted in areas zoned for the purpose is limited to one-third of the available sites, apart from special areas around Altona station, Pier Street and along the Esplanade.

Multi-storey flats in these special areas are restricted to one-half of the available sites.

A development site frontage requires a minimum of 18 metres, a minimum depth of

24 metres, and a minimum area of 600 square metres.

Copies of the new Altona East branch library can be read at the Civic offices, 115 Civic Parade, the Altona library and the Altona East branch library.

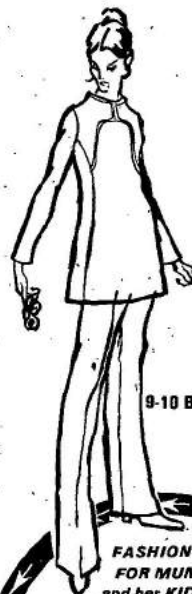
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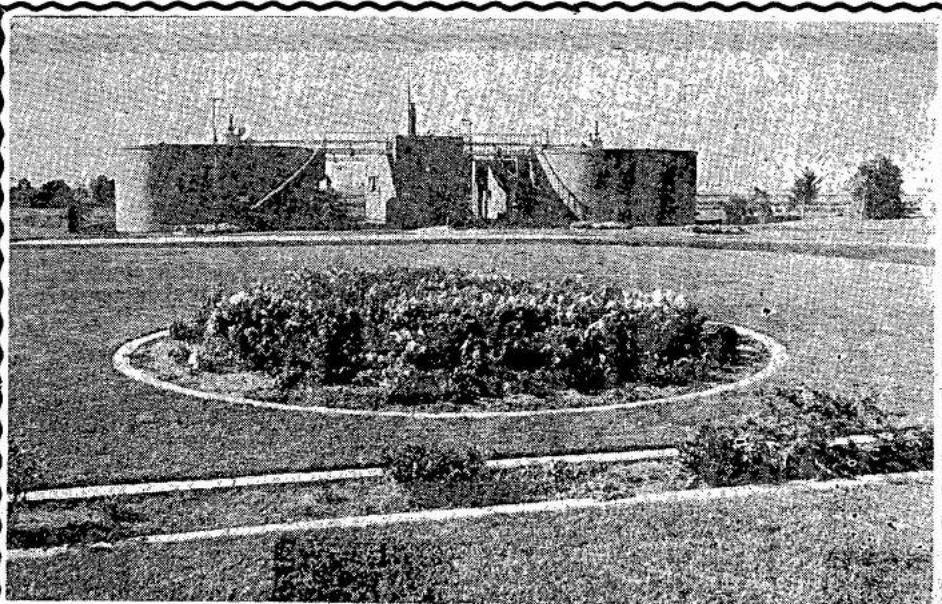
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The rapid growth of Altona in recent years has made sewerage a vital necessity for homes and industry built in the district.

The Board of Works unsuccessful deputa has consequently set tion to the Minister up a local sewerage for Local Govern treatment (purifica-ment by the Council tion' plant on its of Progress Associa land off Queen tions.

The pipe feeding the purified effluent into the bay is about 200 yds. off-shore.

The decision to dispose of the effluent into the bay was fought through an

• PICTURED: The Western No. 2 Purification Plant recently cpleted by the Board of Works, is off Queen Street.

AVIATION 'BORN' IN ALTONA

A plaque noting the birth of Australian aviation in Altona was unveiled outside a shop on the corner of Pier Street and Railway Street South in December, 1969.

In November, 1910, a Frenchman named Gaston Cugnet brought his aeroplane to Altona, making several short flights.

Although Joseph Hammond, a New Zealander, was not the first to fly in Altona, nor in Australia, he paved the way towards public acceptance of flight.

During February and March, 1911, Hammond gave many public demonstrations of flying, including the first cross country

flight from Altona to Geelong and back, on February 20.

The first Australian charter flight and the first Australian passenger flight were made by Hammond when he took on board Mr. M. H. Baillieu on March 2.

The first flight over Melbourne was also made by Hammond from Altona.

Soon after these flight successes, and as a result, the Government established Point Cook.

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Hospital opened in 1932

In the early days of Altona, residents had to rely on Williams-town doctors and their hospital for emergency medical treatment.

Through a Dr. Joel's efforts, however, an old house in Pier Street was converted and opened as a makeshift hospital in 1932. A Matron Weber was in charge.

It had four wards and offered between eight and 10 beds when it was opened in February, 1938 by the then local MP, Mr. J. Lemmon MLA.

Not long after a committee was formed — Mr. C. Lugg was secretary and Mr. C. Walker treasurer which operated an insurance scheme entitling members to reduced hospital and outpatient charges for a mere 6d. (5c) a week.

Through the efforts of Dr. Joel and the committee, the first section of the present hospital was built in Queen Street.

Matron Weber was in charge until the Hospital and Charities Commission took over. Expansion over the years has lifted the hospital's bed capacity to 21, with the latest extension completed in 1972.

The commission now has land at the corner of Millers and Blackshaw Roads set aside for a bigger, more modern building for the future.

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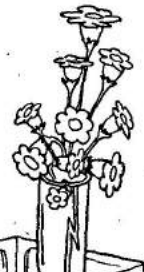
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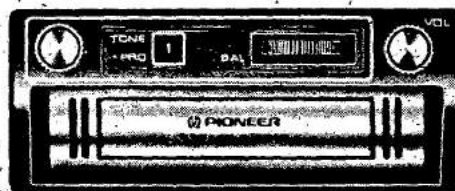
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POLLY WOODSIDE IS SHAPING UP

The Polly Woodside is beginning to look like a ship again, according to the Williamstown Historical Society's March newsletter.

The letter reports that the main masts and bowsprit are on and most of the deck is laid. The society is being handicapped at its meetings by renovations going on at the main hall of the Mechanics Institute. The society says there is no lighting and dust is everywhere. The inconvenience could go on for some time, and the society hopes visitors will put up with it. The next meeting is in the hall, in Electra Street, on Thursday, April 22, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be naval architect, Mr. Allan Colquhoun, who will talk about the raising of the

Straitsmen from the bed of the Yarra. The next meeting of the West-Central Historical Societies will be in Footscray on May 11, with Footscray Historical Society the host, and the YCAHS will meet at Geelong on Saturday, May 1, hosted by the Geelong Historical Society.

On Saturday, April 24 the Royal Historical Society of Victoria is running an excursion to Ballarat.

In February the Cocks Eldorado gold dredge in North-Eastern Victoria was added to the State Government's register of historical buildings.

This big dredge has local significance, as it was built at Thompson's Engineering Company, Williamstown and Castlemaine.

The largest of its kind in Australia, it was officially opened in May 1936, and finished operations in 1956.

20s calling

The Western 20s Club wants people to know that it is for single men and women from 20 to 32 years.

It organises dances, parties, barbecues, theatre nights, car trips and other activities.

It is holding a fancy-dress party in Yarraville on Saturday April 10.

For more information, phone Philip Nolan (393 3745) or Yvonne Hill (317 7468).

Bird-watchers

The next meeting of the Altona branch of the Bird Observers' Club will be held at The Homestead, Queen Street, Altona (opposite the library), on Thursday, April 15, beginning at 8. The public is invited.

J. RENNIE,
President.

Welfare service seeking board for youths in west

The Western Youth Welfare Service is seeking board for youths.

A statement this week from the service, 259 Ascot Vale Road, Ascot Vale, said that finding a suitable board was one of its difficulties. The statement rebuffed that it was one year ago

and appreciate the efforts of these youths through their community-work programmes for instance, working bees and car washes in Footscray, St. Albans, Ascot Vale, Flemington and Essendon.

ADVERTISING RATES

Steadily mounting costs in labor and materials compel us to review the scale of charges for advertising.

The Prices Justification Tribunal has approved the advertising rates below which will be effective from May 1, 1976.

Current orders will be adjusted accordingly and unless otherwise instructed, orders will continue and scheduled advertisements will be inserted at the new rate.

Should you require any further information or service, your representative is readily available.

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Geoff's hobby is a real bottler

By Ross Brundrett

Geoff Wilson, of Thomas Street, Williamstown, is a bottle-ho with a difference; he only collects old bottles, preferably 100 years old.

Unlike the normal bottle-oh who can pick up all the bottles he needs in one or two suburbs, Geoff finds himself travelling all over Victoria in his search for old bottles.

And his search has not been in vain for he has collected more than 1000 bottles since taking up the hobby less than two years ago, an average of about 10 bottles a week.

"It's a very interesting hobby and one you can become quite involved in," explained Geoff who sometimes goes out three times a week looking for bottles.

Geoff said that the best places to find old bottles were in the old tips of country towns, especially those associated with the goldrush.

"If you strike a good tip you may find anything up to 25 bottles, of course you have to dig about seven or eight feet deep to get them," he said.

"Yes and after digging up a burnt out old tip all day he comes home looking like a blackfellow" interrupted his wife, Isabel who also is a bottle enthusiast.

Both Geoff and Isabel are members of the Melbourne Historical Bottle Society and according to Geoff there are hundreds of members in the club.

"You'd be surprised just how many people are interested in bottles. In South Australia recently one vinegar bottle sold for \$450," he said.

At present, Geoff and a fellow Williamstown bottle collector, Geoffrey Spurling, are holding a display of about 50 of their bottles at the Williamstown Library in Ferguson Street.

Geoff will be at the library on March 31 and April 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, and 28 from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. to answer any questions and perhaps identify bottles brought in by people.

He hopes to start a bottle club in Williamstown and invites anyone who wishes to join to leave their name and address at the library and he will contact them.

Although Williamstown is among the oldest towns in Victoria, Geoff said it was not a very good hunting ground for bottle collectors.

"The old tips have been built on and it seems the hotelkeepers

used to just smash their bottles into pits at the back," he said, "however you can pick a few bottles on the shore line."

Pride of Geoff's collection is a medicine bottle entitled "Warner's Safe For Diabetics," which Geoff believes was probably brought out by a travelling medicine show during the goldrush.

Other interesting features in his collection, which is valued at several hundred dollars, include an 1876 English ink bottle, a series of earthenware ginger beer bottles made by Jacobson in Footscray, later known as Boon Spa, "torpedo" bottles (shaped like a football), alloy bottles which had a small marble for a stopper, and pot lids (made around 1850) which were small jars made from pottery to hold toothpaste or ointment.

Asked if there was any "proper", long-winded name for someone who collects old bottles Isabel said there was no official name. "However some of us think the term 'Bottleologist' is quite suitable," she said, laughing.

Farm sewage study start

Sewage should be used as a valuable resource, rather than disposed of as a waste material, according to Board of Works chairman, Mr. A. H. Croxford.

Studies are being undertaken to determine the most practical method of using it," he said.

The Board is investigating the potential use of sludge and reconditioned waste water for crop and tree production.

Mr. Croxford said that sewage had been used for irrigation and fertilising grazing pastures at the Board's Werribee farm since 1897.

In conjunction with the CSIRO, the State Department of Agriculture and the SRWSC, the board was now studying:

• Ways to achieve the best combination of sewage purification and agricultural re-use at the farm

• The social, economic and environmental viability of using treated effluent and sludge for commercial farming.

Preliminary trials had already been made on selected crops.

They included soya beans, maize and sunflowers, and experimental crops will now be planted in various parts of the farm to determine the effectiveness if purified effluent for irrigation.

The effect of applying stabilised sludge as a crop fertiliser will also be studied.

The board is also planning to join with other agencies to study the potential of trees grown as a crop. Several thousand seedlings will be planted on the farm this autumn.

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Balloon's maiden flight

The west's latest balloon has had its maiden flight over Bayview Reserve, Williamstown.

The flight was on Sunday, March 28.

Newly bought by the Pegasus Balloon Group, a western suburbs consortium, the balloon is the biggest of its kind in Australia.

It stands about 100 ft. high, with a diameter of 54 ft. and inflates to 77,500 cub. ft. of air.

A large crowd gathered to watch the inaugural flight, among them were Tim Woodbridge, pilot of the Mario Antoinette; and Brian and Phillipa Smith, owners and pilots of the Captain Starlight.

Members of the Pegasus group are Allan and Julian Moore, Noel and Margaret Canning, Peter Bennett and Tony Norton, all residents of the western suburbs.

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Dawn service to mark Easter

A waterside dawn service has been arranged by Williamstown and District Council of Churches for the morning of Easter Sunday, April 18.

The service, one of praise and thanks for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, will begin at 6.30 a.m.

It will be on the seaward end of Gem Pier, Williamstown.

The Rev. Chester Hodge, of St. Stephen's Methodist - Presbyterian Church will conduct the service.

A short address on The Joy of Easter will be given by Pastor Charles Jamieson, of the Gospel Mission and Pastor Philip Stephens, of the Church of Christ will lead the prayer.

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For the convenience of ratepayers unable to attend during normal office hours, the office will also be open between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday, 12 April 1976.

Interest will be charged at the rate of 10 p.c. per annum, dating from 10th December, 1975, on all unpaid current rates after 12th April, 1976. Only those ratepayers who have already applied to pay rates by instalments are excluded from this provision.

Ratepayers already paying by instalments are reminded that the next instalment must be paid by Monday, 31st May, 1976.

J. T. SLOAN,
Acting Town Clerk

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Rates not paid by the 12th April, 1976 will bear interest at 10 per cent. per annum from 10th December, 1975.

Where properties have been connected to the M.M.B.S. sewer since October, 1975, rate notices will require amendment.

The amount now due can be obtained from the rate office.

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Who passed away April 9, 1973.

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THANKS

McGOWAN. — The family of the late Mrs. McGowan, would like to THANK everyone who assisted their mother when she became ill in Williamstown hospital, and later passed away on March 20th.

Our special thanks to Dr. Burridge, for her prompt attention, also Mrs. Sandilands, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Kelling, for their help and kindness. Thanks also to Secretary and members of Floyd Lodge, for their help and floral tributes.

THOMPSON. — Mrs. A. J. (PEG) THOMPSON and BARRY wish to express their deepest appreciation to relatives, neighbors and friends for their floral tributes, cards, kindly deeds and other expressions of sympathy at the sad loss of a beloved husband and father.

Willmot Charles (Bill) Thompson, on 18/3/76, at 71 Twyford St., Williamstown.

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PWP plans

Gellibrand branch of Parents Without Partners plans the following activities for the week:

Wednesday, April 7, games night at Newport.

Saturday, April 10, farewell party for Elizabeth.

Sunday, April 11, train trip to Fern Tree Gully.

Monday, April 12, branch meeting at the Immunisation Centre behind Footscray town hall, at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13, new members night.

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Senior hockey side loses

The season opened badly for the Altona Hockey Club. Its A-grade team lost 1-4 to MCC.

The pattern of play was set in the first few minutes when a series of errors let MCC in for an easy goal. Altona fought back but the strong MCC defence kept them out.

After the interval, defensive mistakes cost Altona dearly and MCC went to 4-0.

It was only in the dying minutes of the game that Geoff Studley goaled for Altona.

B-GRADE: Altona 1 d. MCC nil.

Altona played a copy-book game. Byrne controlled the game from the centre and was well supported by the rest of the team.

Players to show early-season form: Byrne, Austin, Daley Krol and Ranger.

C-GRADE: Altona 2 d. MHSOB 0.

Altona had many young players in but showed its C side will be strong this year.

Best: Whiffen, Aitken, McLennan, Pratt. Goals: Pratt, Woodyard.

On Sunday (April 4), the hockey club beat the Altona City Football Club in a "little Olympics" athletic match. Hockey men who did well on the track were Whiffen, Byrne and Daley.

A special general meeting is being held on Thursday (April 8).

Next Sunday morning is the VAHA cup match. A promotional game will be played at Geelong in the afternoon.

Royce Hart Shows How

How many boys and young men would like to be able to play football like Royce Hart? Literally thousands. Few could play like him but many could learn from his experience and approach to the game, and this information is currently being prepared for a special lift-out in "The Age". With frame pictures, Royce explains how to kick, mark, tackle and handball. He talks about a captain's role in senior and junior sides, offers training hints and tells how to play in various positions. This four-page guide will be published in "The Age" on Friday.

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It is further advised that to ensure collection, bins should be placed outside premises by 7.30 a.m. on that morning.

G. E. PRICE

Director Dept. of the Environment

Gulls rain in goals to beat 'Bees by 80 pts

Williamstown, in their first game for years in the VFA's second division, beat a confident Werribee by 80 points on Sunday.

Table tennis titles over

Maidstone lost the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association's A-grade pennant to Coburg. The score was 5-2.

Other grand final results are:

A Reserve 1: Naval, Ainslie 2, David Foord 1, Dockyards 6 (Jack Wylie 2, Jack Davis 2, A. Dyall 1, 1 doubles), d Ballard, 1 (Carey Smith 1).

A Reserve 2: WHS Destroyers 6 (Barry Oldham 2, Luciano Azzopardi 1, David Elmie 1, 2 doubles), d Centenary Posidons 2 (Wally Anderson 2).

B1 grade: WHS Nilson 6 (Gary Richardson 2, Ray Lear 2, Paul Miles 1, a doubles), d Centenary Wanderers 0.

C1 grade: Centenary Weasels 6 (Derek Woods 2, Charles Zaleski 2, 2 doubles), d Westgate Parish 3 (Neil Fowler 1, Colin Fowler 1, Ray Spilsbury 1).

C2 grade: WHS Halloran 6 (Alvis Kwan 2, Tommy Chan 1, Paul Nicola 1, 2 doubles), d Magpies 2 (Wally Stys 2).

C3 grade: WHS Playboys 6 (Terry Fogarty 3, Andrew Gibson 1, Robert Penrose 1, 1 doubles), d Corrugated Fibre Containers 3 (Kris Luber 2, 1 doubles).

D1 grade: Resistors 6 (Frank Brunt 3, Mick Hodgson 1, 2 doubles), d WHS Mafia 3 (Chris Elliott 2, Michael Foord 1).

D2 grade: WHS Cuthos 6 (Jason Warlord 2, Rob Gaggino 2, Peter Nedeljkovic 1, 1 doubles), d Centenary Hunters 0.

D3 grade: WHS Moes 6 (Paul Maligne 2, Kevin Innes 2, 2 doubles), d Fat Cats 2 (David Sinnamon 1, Gary May 1).

E1 grade: WHS Beatnics 6 (Anthony Watts 2, Curt

MPs play 'Town

A Williamstown Bowling Club team beat a State Parliamentary side 73-41 at the Parliamentary green recently.

Williamstown was represented by W. Land, R. White, H. Jones, A. McGuigan (c) 39; J. Dornington, F. Flower, A. Hewitt, J. Skerrett (c) 23; and P. Hope, C. Hill, L. Johnson and W. Harmon (c) 11.

The Parliamentary team was: G. Brown, B. Skeggs, A. Knight, R. Ward (c) 6; J. Gleeson, H. Birrell, J. Tripovich, J. McCabe (c) 20; and F. Gardiner, L. Fennessy, W. Fry and L. Floyd (c) 15.

The Gulls started slowly, kicking to the battery end of the seaside ground. Then Ron Page goaled for them after strong ruck play.

Werribee efforts to reply were met strongly by Williamstown backs, especially Kennedy and Brown.

Boxall got the Gulls' second goal and from then on it was their day. They led by 22 points at the first change.

The Williamstown half-forward line began to take over, with fine work by Gardner and Townsend. Chalmers and Kerr were prominent.

A quick rain of goals came from Harley (2) Boxall (2) and Gardner, giving Williamstown a 51-point lead at half time.

Coach Mal Allan jarred his leg and was replaced by Courtot.

Gardner continued his great work and goaled again. Page, receiving from Scott, goaled again and Chalmers brought up the 13th. But the Gulls had begun to boot astray.

The rain of goals set in again in the final quarter. Harley to Townsend brought up a well-deserved goal. Kelly, Scott and Boxall followed with more goals.

Williamstown had many good players. Gardner opened up the half-forward line, booting three goals, and then went into the centre, where he excelled.

Kerr was a dogged half-back flanker.

Rover Kelly's was a fine mobile effort and Kennedy, at full-back for the first time, did well.

Townsend, out with a leg injury for most of last season, has put on condition and should be a star this season.

Mal Allan, the new coach, who came over from Port Melbourne, must be congratulated on the all-round performance of his side. Scores:

Williamstown: 55, 11.17, 16.20, 23.24 (162). Werribee: 1.7, 4.8, 6.13, 11.16 (82).

Goals: Boxall 5, Scott 4, Page 3, Gardner 3, Kelly 2, Harley 2, Cross, Townsend, Chalmers, Evans.

The Williamstown seconds were stung by the 'Bees at Chirside Park and went down 12.8 (80) to 15.18 (108).

Woodruffe got four goals. Best were Burgess, Woodruffe, Bruce Wooley (son of Syd.), and O'Donovan.

Peter Letting, a real Aussie from Darwin, came on late as a reserve.

Werribee thirds beat Williamstown by 19.16 to 13.13.

Goals: Goetz 5, Nash 4, Stevens, Taylor 2.

Best: Taylor, Nash, McCallig, Murphy, Yarnall.

Williamstown firsts play Waverley at Waverley on Sunday.

B'ball club loses coach

Williamstown Baseball Club has lost its new coach, Bob Johnson, who was forced to relinquish his position because of injury.

Doug Lindsay has taken over and will see the club to its first game on Sunday against Westgarth at the Strand Reserve, Newport.

Seconds and thirds play at home on Saturday.

Last Saturday, the under 15s saw Sunshine beat Williamstown 14-0.

Best: A. Mason. In under-13 competition, Williamstown 1 d. Sunshine 2 by 14-4. Best: T. Balzar, R. Morrow, P. Kenny, G. Saunders. Footscray beat Williamstown 2 by 26-4. Best: D. Page, G. Dibbassi.

Rams beat Eagles in practice

Newport Baseball Club's Rams ended their practice games last Saturday with an 8-2 win over Sunshine.

Fielding was tight for most of the game — a good augury for the start of the pennant.

Newport: Hits 8, Sunshine 6, Newport errors 3, Sunshine 7.

Safe hits: H. Bunting 3, D. Kennedy, D. Nicol, J. Armstrong, G. McKelvie, G. Lynch.

The junior competition began at the weekend. Results:

Under 11 lost to Sunshine 5-17; under 15 d. Essendon 22-3.

Under 13 A, playing in the Royal Park competition for the first time lost 3-15 to Waverley 1. Hits: Douglas (home run), Hansby, Cornish.

Under-13 B, a team of new boys playing their first season, lost 1-36 to Sunshine A. Hits: Zahra, home run.

Next weekend: A1 and A2 at home to Sunshine, C and zone sides should check with their captains.

Fee Wees: Newport A at Royal Park against Fitzroy, Newport B at Sunshine against Williams-

town.

West has Vic. bowling win

The Victorian singles, pairs and fours bowling championships have now all been completed.

The singles final was played at the Footscray City Bowling Club on Saturday, March 27, between Yarraville-Seddon player, G. Milone and S. Pazaros, of Carlton.

In a tight game, which saw the lead change several times, S. Pazaros just got home to win 31-30. The Newport Bowling Club played the host to the pairs final on Thursday, March 18.

The Carlton pair of W. Buttsworth and E. Bottari, (winners last year) met M. Ellis and L. Crawford, of Ascot Vale.

Although the Carlton pair were hard pressed by their less experienced rivals they did well to win their second title in a row, finishing six shots up. The Footscray Park Bowling Club was the venue for the fours final with Yarraville-Seddon meeting Carlton.

With a perfect 15 green and good conditions some very good bowling was produced. Yarraville-Seddon went on to win well, 24-7.

Winning team: W. Short (c), A. Baker, W. Bell, N. Pope.

The match committee thanked all the clubs who made their greens and facilities available for the championships.

N'port results

Semi-finals of the E. J. Ann Sutherland, Pat Di-Rogan men's pairs on Sunday resulted: Eric Luke, Arthur Shepherd d. Ernie Vickers-Jack Allinson; Murdo Macleod-John Wylie d. Brian Livingstone-Peter Fitzgibbon.

Wylie-Macleod won the final by seven shots. Men's nominated fours, April 3: Winners, Harry Higham, Charles Sinfield, Jack Laney, Fred Holdsworth; runners-up, George Erwood, Bill Dey, Bert Clancy, Don McDonald.

Mixed fours, April 4: Winners, Audrey Freak, Bert Wild, Betty Blake; runner-up, Alice Ritchie, Alf Claringboud, Minnie Hay, B. Davey.

Vice-presidents' day for associates: Winners, Vera Harinet, Jessie Schmidt, Neil Rabling; runners up the afternoon.

Club bowlers will play guests from the Victorian Railways Bowling Club in the afternoon.

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Ken wins gift

Local professional runner, Ken Bolton, scored the second big win of his career when he won the \$500 Sandringham Gift last Saturday.

Ken, who tains with the Yarraville Football Club, was last successful in a major race when he took out the 1972 Footscray Gift.

He clocked 12.3 in his Sandringham victory.

Ken, 33, has been running professionally for nine years and hopes to continue for a few years yet.

He operates the Newbolt Motor-Repair Service, Robert Street, Spotswood, in partnership with his father.

Born and bred in Spotswood, Ken now lives in Melton with his wife, Joan, and children, Melissa and Amanda.



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Labor call to oppose Omega

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